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Mr. John Davidson  
City of San Jose  
200 E. Santa Clara Street, T-3  
San Jose, CA 95112

Dear Mr. Davidson:

**Envision San Jose 2040 General Plan – Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)**

Thank you for continuing to include the California Department of Transportation (Department) in the environmental review process for the above-referenced project. We have reviewed the proposed project's EIR and offer the following comments.

***Traffic Impact Analysis (TIA)***

The turning traffic for all studied intersections must include AM and PM peak hour volumes, under existing and proposed DEIR conditions, including but not limited to the iStar and Rancho Del Pueblo residential options.

***Cultural Resources***

The following statement, under section 3.11.1.5 Archaeological Resources (see page 694) as it pertains to the State's right-of-way (ROW), should be qualified as follows with the underlined language, "While it is probable that many of the potential resources, including foundations, wells, privies, and trash deposits, have been impacted and removed as a result of previous excavations for infrastructure improvements and other development activities over the past 100 years, it is unknown what resources remain."

***Sustainable Communities Strategies (SCS) – SB 375***

The DEIR should clarify how the scenarios were determined, particularly the scenarios involving any relevance to SB 375 and AB 32. The DEIR should also clarify for all scenarios whether impacts outside the San Jose Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) were taken into consideration or were only impacts within the UGB analyzed.

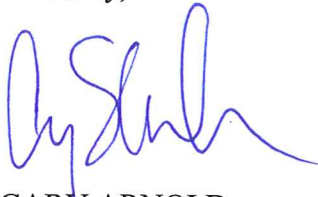
***Pedestrian Safety***

The DEIR should include a map depicting the pedestrian corridors, to accompany the Pedestrian Circulation section (see page 223).

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Please feel free to contact Brian Brandert at (510) 286-5505, if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Gary Arnold', with a stylized, cursive script.

GARY ARNOLD  
District Branch Chief  
Local Development-Intergovernmental Review

c: Scott Morgan (State Clearinghouse)